

tot) strong tt> remember its obligations towards the Pupal .suzerain. Therefore the more the vigorous Roger t.et himnelf to realise (Juiseurd's hope of u union of nil the Norman conquests in one. hand, the more the Papacy look up the cause of the much harassed William uf Apulia, a Jacob who must be supported against the liJsnu of Sicily,

The earliest and the latent conquests of Roger IL were made at the expense of the Moslem poweis of Africa, Ciuissearti had already made the Nor-mans in Italy u maritime¹ power; his nephew or-ganised fleets which made possible an aggressive foreign policy and more than contested at the end of hiti reign the mastery of the Mediterranean with Tunis, Egypt, the Italian sen-towns, and t tie Greeks,

There had already entered his service two men whom* genittK in the* handling of fleets, and the direction of naval enterprise, were Ui make him matiter of the African coant, and the dictator of the ndjitcent was. Tlieut* were Cieorge of Antioch **urn!** OhriHttxlulas. Both were Cireeksi; the latter, though the Arabic writers t*ull him Alul-tT-ralmum, the ecjuivalent in Arabic¹ of the name (^hrititodulttH,

to which they add *cn-Nasrani* (the C
%hristiu«)i
to have been a Greek Christian of
Hit*ily.
H» former, George of Antioch, is of
greater fume
as the first of a Kucccttsion of neti-
captains who
itood ataufchly by the Norman
monarchy to the
very moment when the gates of
Palermo were
opened to tin* conquering Henry VI.
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